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AUTOPSY REPORT

(see attached Report of Anthropology Consultation)

Case No. ML83-6849

November 17, 2008

ON THE BODY OF

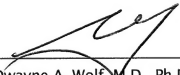
Unidentified Skeletal Remains

CAUSE OF DEATH: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

MANNER OF DEATH: Undetermined

DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

Reviewed by:

 08/27/09

Dwayne A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D. MMDDYY
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77054-2098

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ML83-6849

REPORT OF ANTHROPOLOGY CONSULTATION

CASE NUMBER: ML83-6849
NAME: Unknown
PATHOLOGIST: Unknown
DATE (analyzed): November 17, 2008

As a part of the Anthropology Division/Identification Unit review of unidentified HCME cases, ML83-6849 was reexamined. Base on the records present in the unidentified decedent folder, it appears the remains were initially identified as non-forensic and a pathologist was not assigned to the case nor was an autopsy performed. My opinions is the remains are forensic and a skeletal analysis and unidentified decedent work-up is done.

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Right and left radii
Left lunate
Left metacarpals I-III Hand phalanges (2)
Right rib fragments (7)
Left rib fragments (1)

Un-sided rib fragments (10)
Lumbar vertebrae (5)
Sacrum
Right and left innominates
Right and left femurs
Right and left tibiae
Right and left fibulae
Right and left calcanei
Right and left tali
Right 3rd cuneiform
Right metatarsals I, III, IV
Left metatarsals IV, V

Skeletal Profile

Summary:

Ancestry: Undetermined

Sex: Male

Age: 17-22 years

Stature: 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11")

Ancestry

Insufficient skeletal remains were recovered for accurate ancestry estimation.

Sex

The estimated sex of the decedent is male. The estimate is based on the metric analysis of the postcranium and the morphology of the innominates. Features observed in the innominates consistent with males include subpubic convexity, narrow sciatic notch, and flat sacral attachment. The maximum diameter of femoral head is within the male range.

Unknown

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Age:

The age-at-death of the decedent is estimated to be 17-22 years. The age estimate is based on the pattern of epiphyseal fusion. The iliac crest, distal radial, distal ulnar, and distal femoral epiphyses are completely open. These sites typically begin to fuse around the age of 18 years. The lumbar vertebral rim, ischial tuberosity and sacral segments have begun to fuse. Fusion is typically completed by the mid twenties. The epiphyses of the remaining bones are fully fused.

Stature:

The stature estimate is 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11"). The estimate is based on the combined comparison of the maximum length of the tibia and sacrum to the Forensic Database using the 20th century White and Black male algorithms.

Trauma

Antemortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of antemortem trauma.

Perimortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of perimortem trauma.

Postmortem:

The ends of the long bones are eroded, exposing the trabecular bone. The ribs are highly fragmented. The remains are recovered from a shoreline. The pattern of postmortem trauma is consistent with a surface disposition.

The pubic symphyses have been cut from the innominates. The cut mark is consistent with an autopsy saw. The morphology of the pubic symphysis is a good age indicator and the pubes were most likely removed for age assessment.

Pathologies and Individualizing Characteristics

The remains are unremarkable for pathologies or individualizing characteristics.

Postmortem Interval:

The remains are completely void of tissue and are odorless. They are uniformly stained and well-weathered. The remains are found along a shoreline. Based on the

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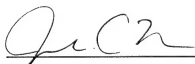
conditions of the elements and the depositional environment, an accurate interval between death and discovery cannot be estimated.

Identification:

The remains are unidentified. The decedent description is disseminated through the NCIC (NIC #U220022155) and NamUs and is posted on the HCME website. A DNA sample is submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center for STR and mtDNA analysis. Radiographs of the skeletal remains are taken and archived.

Summary:

The biological profile of the decedent is a 17-22 year old, male with a stature of 65-71 inches. No perimortem trauma is observed on the remains. The unidentified decedent description is disseminated.



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JOSEPH A. JACHIMCZYK FORENSIC CENTER

Judge Ray Chesson
19217 FM 365
Beaumont, TX 77705

August 27, 2009

Dear Judge Chesson,

Please find enclosed the autopsy report for case ML83-6849. According to original paperwork, these remains were recovered in Jefferson County approximately ½ mile from the Chambers County border on August 4, 1983, and were forwarded to the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office by Justice of the Peace A. E. Halter, Precinct Three of Jefferson County.

The documentation we currently have regarding the case is sparse, but suggests the remains were initially regarded as not being of forensic importance. The remains were subsequently archived at the HCMEO. During an inventory of the archived remains by forensic anthropologists, it was decided that the remains lack typical markers associated with historic remains and that they were potentially of forensic importance. As a result, a complete skeletal analysis was done. The decedent's description was entered into the National Criminal Information System and a bone sample was submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center to obtain a DNA profile. On December 18, 2008, the remains were released to Harris County Bereavement Services for burial.

In light of the fact that the case originated in Jefferson County, the Harris County Medical Examiner is unable to certify the death. Carnes Funeral Home (713.943.2500), the funeral responsible for burial of the remains, will forward a death certificate to you for you to certify the death.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Love, Ph.D., D-ABFA
Forensic Anthropology Director

UNIDENTIFIED

EYE COLOR: _____

✓ ML#: 73-6849

HAIR COLOR: _____

DATE OF DEATH: 11-17-83

LENGTH: _____

FACIAL HAIR: _____

RACE: _____

COLOR: _____

SEX: _____

AGE: _____

HEIGHT: _____

WEIGHT: _____

SCARS: Bones - Do not lie
concerned - ID -
It's impossible

MARKS: _____

TATTOOS: _____

CLOTHING: _____

PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

OTHER: _____

DENTAL: _____

PLACE OF DEATH: Jefferson Co.

TIME OF DEATH: _____

POLICE AGENCY: _____ CASE #: _____

(High Island - Chambers Co.)

83-6849

Unknown Skeletal Remains

83-6850

Marry Irving Chappell

NF 30

Dinner
w/relAsphyxia due to manual
strangulation and stab wound
of the abdomen -

OK/EB

A

Homicide

JS

83-6851

Dorothy C. Pohl

w/12-81

Earthman
BaytownJS chronic obstructive pulmonary
disease & bronchiectasis

Hill to the state

A

83-6852

Rose Curay

WF 77

Halsens
a rel.Multiple gsws of the chest, abdomen,
back and extremities - OK/EB
Homicide.

A

Four (4) .22 cal bullets recovered - autopsy
Two (2) .22 " bullet submitted in a box

83-6849

Unknown Name

JF

8-4-83

found 1:45 PM

1/2 mile from Chambers Cr.

83-6850A	EB	Chappell, Mary Alice Irving	B.F. 30	7450 Bellport	#39	Oline
Oline	MCF	Asphyxia due to manual strangulation & stab wound of the abdomen				12-21
Oline		11-17-83 homicide	found 10:28 PM	13,400 Aguedust	Ret 3	12-22
			Strangled & stabbed.			
83-6851A	PH	Dahl, Dorothy E. Brown	WF-81	102 Cabanas		Carthman
Carthman	BT	COPD & bronchiectasis				12-1-8
Carthman	BT	11-17-83	found 3:40 PM	Same Baytown		12-2-8
83-6852A	EB	Cinny, Rose	WF 77	830 Frank		H. Gilman
Garga	HH	Multiple GSW's of chest, abdomen, back, & extremities				12-8-8
H. Gilman		11-17-83 homicide	found 8:00 PM	Same		12-8-8
			Shot.			
83-6853V	VP	Raymond, Martha Bernice	WF 62	Highway 17 North		Carthman
Carthman	MCF	Q 5 CVH		1901 Silber Rd		12-1-8
Carthman		11-17-83	6:00 PM	Same Houston		12-2-8
83-6854A	VP	Gegouch, Dale Robert	WM 25	3401 Blaylock	#3329	H. Park
H. Park	HH	Crushed chest	acc MVD			11-30-8
H. Park		11-17-83	9:44 PM	4500 Memorial		12-1-8
83-6855A	VP	Zimmerman, Mark S.	WM 25	5500 De Soto	#3709	H. Hight
H. Hight	HH	Skull fracture & crushed chest & abdomen	acc MVD			12-22-8
Hight		11-17-83	9:44 PM			

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

() AUTOPSY

() VIEW

() INQUEST ONLY

Investigator Evans/Wingo

Case No. 83-6889

UNKNOWN BONES

Decedent _____ Race _____ Sex _____ Age _____ D.O.B. _____

Home Address _____ Telephone _____

~~8-4-83~~ 8-4-83 1:45 () A.M. — (x) P.M. — FOUND (x) YES () NO ()

Date of Death _____ TIME _____

Approx 1 mile from Chambers Co line in Jeff. Co. line () () out of County

Place of Death _____ City/County _____ Precinct _____ Telephone _____

HOSPITAL CHART NO. _____

Wingo DATE: 10-4-83 TIME: 9:00 (x) A.M. — () P.M.

M.E. Notified:

Morgue DATE: 11-17-83 TIME: 2:30 () A.M. — (x) P.M.

Place of Inquest

Justice of Peace A.E. Halter/Chamber Co. S.O./ Jefferson Co. S.O.

Informant

Next of Kin _____ Address _____ Relationship _____

Next of Kin Notified by _____ Date _____ Time _____ Telephone _____

Personal Physician _____ Address _____ Telephone _____

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body: SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

Clothing: _____

INFORMATION This case came to cause by an order from JUSTICE OF THE PEACE A.E. HALTER, PRCT.

THREE, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BONES WAS DETERMINED ON 11-17-83:

(2) ilium crest (pelvic)	(1) elbow joint (arm)	(12) rib
(2) femur (leg)	(1) sacrocygeal vertebra (back)	(4) meta carpal bone (hand)
(2) fibula (leg)	(2) rochis (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
(2) tibia (leg)	(2) ulva (arm)	(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)
(5) vertebra (back)	(1) long arm bone (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
		(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)

M.E. Photos () Yes (x) No Police Agency JEFFERSON COUNTY S.O. Case No. 893 44231

Property none

Funeral Home Transporting Decedent none () Requested
() Dispatched

Funeral Home Receiving Decedent 7/ Jefferson Co. S.O.

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Date: 11-18-83

Continuation/Supplement

Investigator EvansTime: 6:00 AMCase No. 83-6849

BONE DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

(5) phalanges (foot)

(2) talus (foot)

(2) calcaneus (foot)

(50) bones total

Humerus 11 $\frac{1}{16}$

(RIGHT)

Radius 10 $\frac{3}{4}$

(LEFT)

Radius 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

"

Ulna 9 $\frac{3}{4}$

"

Ulna 9 $\frac{1}{16}$

"

Femur 16

"

Femur 16

"

Fibula 13 $\frac{1}{2}$

"

Fibula 13 $\frac{3}{8}$

"

Tibia 14

"

Tibia 14

"



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☒ Pending
☐ RELEASE FROM PENDING

CASE NUMBER: 1M33-6847

☐ AMENDMENT(S)

DECEDENT: Unknown male

☐ INQUEST ONLY

DOD: _____

EDR #: _____

Part 1 Cause of Death: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

Part 2 Other Conditions: _____

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials _____

date _____

IF FEMALE:

- ☐ Not pregnant within past year
☐ Pregnant at time of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death
☐ Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Describe How Injury Occurred: _____

[Signature]
Medical Examiner

12/05/08
Date

DATE 11-17-83 RACE _____ SEX _____ EST. AGE _____

TIME 2:30pm LOCATION Jeff. Co. S.O.

HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ EYES _____ HAIR _____

CAN BODY BE VIEWED ☐ YES ☐ NO

POLICE AGENCY _____

CASE NUMBER _____

SCARS: _____

TATTOOS: _____

DENTAL: _____

X-RAYS: _____

PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

CLOTHING: _____

DENTAL RECORD BY: _____ DATE: _____

Out of County

ML# 83-6849

HCME INVESTIGATOR James Miller

RETURN

PRINTS TO HPD _____

PRINTS TO HCSO _____

PRINTS TO DPS _____

PRINTS TO FBI _____

____ DENTAL CHARTING BY DR. DELATTRE
____ POLICE REPORT
☒ INVESTIGATOR REPORT
____ AUTOPSY REPORT
____ TOXICOLOGY REPORT
____ DNA OR RIB SUBMISSION (IF REQUIRED)
____ ANTHROPOLOGY REPORT (IF REQUIRED)

ENT

ENTERED INTO NCIC BY: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

NIC # _____

PS ID [] ISO [] TIME [] PHOT [] ONE []

RELEASED FOR BURIAL: _____

DATE: _____ TIME: _____

ONE #

DECEASED'S NAME:

IS

PB

☐ PENDING ID

M.E. #

83-6849

DORSET
88/ HCME STAFF

NAME OF DECEASED

Unknown

FUNERAL HOME RECEIVING BODY

Bany FH

SIGNED OUT BY

Haw D R 8807

LICENSE #

DATE

12-18-08

TIME

11:46 AM

WAS CLOTHING TAKEN WITH BODY

YES

NO

HCME STAFF

Whig

TRACKING SHEET

☐ YES☐ NO

NAME OF DECEASED

UNK

BROUGHT TO HCME BY:

NAME OF SERVICE

SIGNED IN BY:

DRIVER

DATE

6-4-03

TIME

AM PM

CLOTHING YES NO

PERSONAL EFFECTS: YES NO

HOSPITAL CHART: YES NO

Checked by Harris County Medical Examiner Representative

Duplicate Copy

REV. (03/99)

M.E. CASE #:

83-6849



Bereavement Services of Harris County Community & Economic Development
Department Social Services Division- Bereavement hereby authorizes the removal
of the decedent's remains as follows:

Funeral Home Carnes Funeral Home

Decedent: Unknown, Male

Mother's name (*babies only*):

AGE: 17-23 age

Date of death: 11/17/1983

ME Case # 83-6849

Decedent is **VIEWABLE** or ☒ **NONVIEWABLE** or **Unknown**
(check one)

Body Location: Medical Examiner, 1885 Old Spanish Trail, Houston Texas 77054
(Please verify location of decedent up before dispatching for a pick up)

Virginia Pethen
Agent for HCSS

12/15/08
Date

HCSS contacted the following next of kin for the release of this decedent:

1. No next of kin found
2. Full skeletal
3. Full casket
4. HC burial set for 12/19/2008

DEC 1 2008 RCVD

FHL
TDL
12/30/09
4/12/09

Harris County Bereavement Services Referral Form -- HCME Cases

HCME Case Number: <u>M183-5849</u>		Referral Date: <u>November 26, 2008</u>	
Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:	Date and Time of Death:
<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>M17-23</u>	<u>11/17/1983 5:30:00 PM</u>
Place of Death: <u>SHORELINE</u>			
Street:	City of Death:	County of Death:	Death Zip Code:
	<u>HOUSTON</u>	<u>JEFFERSON</u>	
Cause of Death:		Reporting Agency:	
<u>Undetermined</u>		<u>JEFFERSON COUNTY PRECINCT 3</u>	
		Incident Number: <u>NO CASE NUMBER</u>	
Manner of Death: <u>Undetermined</u>		Agency Contact:	
Signing Physician: <u>ANTHROPOLOGIST</u>		Physician Contact Phone: <u>713-796-9292</u>	
Age:	Date of Birth:	Race:	Weight in Pounds:
<u>0 YEARS</u>			<u>0</u>
SSN:	Sex:	Foreign Origin:	Veteran:
	<u>MALE</u>		
Residence Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:
	<u>HOUSTON</u>	<u>TX</u>	
Next of Kin First Name:		Next of Kin Middle Name:	
<u>COUNTY BURIAL</u>			
Next of Kin Relationship:		Date Next of Kin Located:	
<u>OTHER</u>			
Next of Kin Address:		Next of Kin State NOK Zip:	
		<u>TX</u>	
Date Next of Kin Notified:		Date of 15 Day Letter:	
		Type of Referral:	
		HC Guardianship	
		Family	
		Indigent	
		No NOK/Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Referred by: Ruth Mathis, D-ABMDI
Identification Specialist
Phone: 713-796-6774

875⁰
HC Cemetery
12/19/08
V.S.

Sharon M. Derrick
HCME Supervisor Approval:
Sharon M. Derrick, PhD
County Burial Supervisor

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**Funeral Director's
Authorization to Claim Form**

Date: 12-18-08

Medical Legal #: 83-6849

Name of Decedent: Unknown

I, Thomas Beale, representing Corpus FH,
visually inspected the body of the above named decedent, and have compared the name
and medical/legal number of the decedent to 1) the Identification Tag, 2) the Autopsy
Information and Release Form and, 3) the Transit Envelope, and have found all three
documents to correspond to the body I am authorized to claim from the Harris County
Medical Examiner.

Thomas Beale
Signature

Corpus FH
Name of Firm

887
Texas Funeral Commission
License Number

Reviewed and Signed by: Shane Jack
(HCME Representative)

12/18/08
Date



Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
Forensic Anthropology Division
Case Chain-of-Custody



Case Number ML 83 - 6849

Anthropologist Receiving

J. Lowe

Autopsy Assistant Transferring

J. Wall

Date of Transfer

11/17/08 2:04pm

Date of Return

11/20/08

Anthropologist Transferring

J. C. 2nd

Autopsy Assistant Receiving

K. 2nd 11/20/08 3:56p

Anthropologist Receiving

Autopsy Assistant Transferring

Date of Transfer

Date of Return

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HARRIS CO. ME



UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN

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☐

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Undetermined

Describe How Injury Occurred:

[Signature]
Medical Examiner

12/05/08
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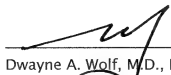
Joseph Allen Lyles
8650 Pitner
Houston, Texas

CAUSE OF DEATH: Homicidal violence

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

Reviewed by:


Dwayne A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D.
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

11/18/11
MMDDYY

COMMENT: The report represents a re-signed copy of the original amendment, which cannot be currently located.

Joseph Allen Lyles

ML83-6849

-2 Amended-

COMMENT: These skeletal remains were initially unidentified. The body has now been identified by DNA comparison as a 17 year old white male, Joseph Allen Lyles. After obtaining this identification, the investigative aspects of the case were revisited. The remains were recovered from a shallow burial site on a beach within Jefferson County. The remains of five other decedents were west of this decedent, and the remains of a sixth were less than 2.9 miles east of this decedent. All were within a 4.16 mile stretch of beach.

This decedent shares many circumstantial and demographic elements with the other decedents buried within this stretch of beach. All are teenage boys. The other six decedents were all buried between 1970 and 1973. Although Mr. Lyles' body was recovered in 1983, he was actually reported missing by his family in 1973. All of the other six decedents were linked to the serial killings perpetrated by Dean Corll, Elmer Wayne Henley and David Brooks. All of the other decedents were classified as homicides. Many of the bodies disposed by this group were associated with plastic sheeting and two different types of rope or cords (including decedents buried at this location and in other locations). This decedent was also associated with similar plastic sheeting and similar different types of rope. Finally, this decedent lived in the vicinity of both David Brooks and Dean Corll at the time of his disappearance, and according to Mr. Lyles' relatives, he did have some interaction with Corll and Brooks.

No perimortem injuries were discovered at the time of examination of these skeletal remains. However, investigative and circumstantial information is indicative of a link to the Corll/Henley/Brooks victims as noted above. The cause of death in all of the other decedents was either strangulation/asphyxia or gunshot wound. These remains were skeletal and incomplete (for example, the hyoid bone was not recovered), therefore either of these possibilities is plausible. Based on the totality of the investigative information, a reclassification of the manner of death as homicide is warranted. The best classification for cause of death is homicidal violence. The autopsy report is amended and the Justice of the Peace with jurisdiction, as well as the local law enforcement agency will be notified.

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Un-sided rib fragments (10)

Lumbar vertebrae (5)

Sacrum

Right and left innominates

Right and left femurs

Right and left tibiae

Right and left fibulae

Right and left calcanei

Right and left tali

Right 3rd cuneiform

Right metatarsals I, III, IV

Left metatarsals IV, V

Skeletal Profile

Summary:

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-3 Amended-

Age:

The age-at-death of the decedent is estimated to be 17-22 years. The age estimate is based on the pattern of epiphyseal fusion. The iliac crest, distal radial, distal ulnar, and distal femoral epiphyses are completely open. These sites typically begin to fuse around the age of 18 years. The lumbar vertebral rim, ischial tuberosity and sacral segments have begun to fuse. Fusion is typically completed by the mid twenties. The epiphyses of the remaining bones are fully fused.

Stature:

The stature estimate is 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11"). The estimate is based on the combined comparison of the maximum length of the tibia and sacrum to the Forensic Database using the 20th century White and Black male algorithms.

Trauma

Antemortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of antemortem trauma.

Perimortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of perimortem trauma.

Postmortem:

The ends of the long bones are eroded, exposing the trabecular bone. The ribs are highly fragmented. The remains are recovered from a shoreline. The pattern of postmortem trauma is consistent with a surface disposition.

The pubic symphyses have been cut from the innominates. The cut mark is consistent with an autopsy saw. The morphology of the pubic symphysis is a good age indicator and the pubes were most likely removed for age assessment.

Pathologies and Individualizing Characteristics

The remains are unremarkable for pathologies or individualizing characteristics.

Postmortem Interval:

The remains are completely void of tissue and are odorless. They are uniformly stained and well-weathered. The remains are found along a shoreline. Based on the

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Report of Anthropology Consultation

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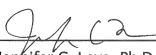
conditions of the elements and the depositional environment, an accurate interval between death and discovery cannot be estimated.

Identification:

The remains are unidentified. The decedent description is disseminated through the NCIC (NIC #U220022155) and NamUs and is posted on the HCME website. A DNA sample is submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center for STR and mtDNA analysis. Radiographs of the skeletal remains are taken and archived.

Summary:

The biological profile of the decedent is a 17-22 year old, male with a stature of 65-71 inches. No per-mortem trauma is observed on the remains. The unidentified decedent description is disseminated.

 11/17/2011

Jennifer C. Love, Ph.D. MMDYY
Director, Anthropology Department

COMMENT: This report is amended to reflect the positive identification of the decedent by DNA comparison on November 2, 2009.

COMMENT: This report represents a re-signed copy of the original Amended Report of Anthropology Consultation, which cannot be currently located.



Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
Forensic Anthropology Division
Data Sheets



Case # 02 ML83-6849 Anthropologist J. Low
Date/Hour of Examination 11/17/2008 14:10
Pathologist Unknown Cause County Jefferson County

Scene Description

Beach

Condition of Remains

Sail Strainer Found along Shoreline in Jefferson County, TX

Processing Procedure

None

Personal Property

None

Positively Identified by _____

Unidentified Checklist

NCIC # 4220022155

Dental Chart NA

- ☐ Anthropologist
- ☐ Odontologist
- ☐ Edentulous

Radiographs

- ☐ Articulated
- ☒ Disarticulate
- ☐ Dental

Photographs

- ☒ Skeletal
- ☐ Reconstruction
- ☐ Trauma

DNA

☐ UNT

Dissemination

- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Media
- ☐ NCMEC
- ☒ HCME Website
- ☒ NAME UDRS

Skeletal Inventory (Adapted from Moore-Jansen et al 1994)

Case # M183-
6849

Inventory Code:

- 1- Present Complete
2- Present Fragmentary

- 3- Absent (postmortem)
4- Postmortem Loss

- 5- Unerupted (dentition)
6- Congenitally Missing

See
sketches
elsewhere

Cranium						
	Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right
Frontal	___	___	Maxilla	___	___	___
Parietal	___	___	Nasal	___	___	___
Occipital	___	___	Ethmoid	___	___	___
Temporal	___	___	Lacrimal	___	___	___
Zygomatic	___	___	Vomer	___	___	___
Palate	___	___	Sphenoid	___	___	___

Mandible	Left	Right	Left	Right
Body	___	___	Ramus	___

Dentition	Left	Right	Left	Right
Max I1	___	___	Mand I1	___
Max I2	___	___	Mand I2	___
Max C	___	___	Mand C	___
Max PM1	___	___	Mand PM1	___
Max PM2	___	___	Mand PM2	___
Max M1	___	___	Mand M1	___
Max M2	___	___	Mand M2	___
Max M3	___	___	Mand M3	___

Postcranium	Left	Right	Left	Right
Clavicle			Hyoid	___
Humerus			Manubrium	___
Radius			Sternum	___
Ulna			Scapula	___
Ilium			Ribs	___ #
Ischium			Atlas	___
Pubis			Axis	___
Femur			Cervical 3-7	___
Tibia			Thoracic 1-12	___
Fibula			Lumbar 1-5	___
			Sacrum	___
			Patella	___ #
			Carpals 1-8	___ #
			Metacarpals 1-5	___ #
			Prox Phalanx	___ #
			Medial Phalanx	___ #
			Distal Phalanx	___ #
			Tarsals 1-7	___ #
			Metatarsals 1-5	___ #
			Prox Phalanx	___ #
			Medial Phalanx	___ #
			Distal Phalanx	___ #

ESTIMATION OF AGE: 17-22

POSTCRANIAL:

Pubic Symphysis:

FEMALE (Suchey-Brooks 1990, Suchey and Katz 1986)

MALE (Suchey-Brooks 1990, Suchey and Katz 1986)

MALE (Todd 1920, 1921)

MALE (McKern and Stewart 1957)

FEMALE (Gilbert and McKern 1973)

LEFT

RIGHT

Auricular Surface

(Lovejoy et al 1985; Meindl and Lovejoy 1989)

Sternal Rib End Changes

(Ischan et al 1984, 1985, 1986)

RIB # _____

Phase: _____

Phase: _____

Epiphyseal Closure (1=No Union, 2=Partial Union, 3=Complete Union)
(Moore-Jansen et al 1994 page 8-9, Webb and Suchey 1985)

38) Basilar Suture _____

39) Medial Clavicle _____

40) Atlas-Anterior _____

41) Atlas-Posterior _____

42) Axis-Anterior _____

43) Axis-Posterior _____

44) Cervical Vert Rim _____

45) Thoracic Vert Rim _____

46) L5 Body-Arch 3 3

47) Lumbar Vert Rim 2 2 16

48) Sacrum (S1/2) 2 2 14

49) Sacrum (S2/3) 2 2 16

50) Sacrum (S3/4) 2 > 16

51) Innom. Prim. Elem. 3

52) Ischial Tuberosity 2 2

53) Anterior Iliac Crest 0 14 w/in

54) Proximal Humerus 1

55) Medial Epic. Hum 3 20

56) Proximal Radius 3 - 19 complete

57) Distal Radius 0 < 18 complete by 22

58) Proximal Ulna 3

59) Distal Ulna 2 < 18 - complete by 20

60) Femur Head 2 3 19 complete by 19-20

61) G. Trochanter 3

62) Distal Femur 0 18 complete by 21-22

63) Proximal Tibia 3 - 22

64) Distal Tibia 3 20

CRANIAL:

Cranial Suture Closure (Baker 1984, Mann et al 1987, Meindl and Lovejoy 1985, Todd and Lyon 1924, 1925)

(0=Open, 1=Minimal Closure, 2=Significant Closure, 3=Complete Obliteration/Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994 page 32-34)

1) _____

7) _____

13) _____

2) _____

8) _____

14) _____

3) _____

9) _____

15) _____

4) _____

10) _____

16) _____

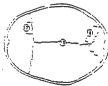
5) _____

11) _____

17) _____

6) _____

12) _____



VAULT SCORE: _____ LATERAL-ANTERIOR SCORE: _____

OTHER INDICATORS OF AGE: Pubic symphysis has been removed

Ancestry Assessment of Skeletal Remains
(Cill and Rhine 1990, Bass 1987, Burns 1999)

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*Too
unable to estimate
necessary to complete
- missing numbers*

ESTIMATION OF RACE _____

\pm = NOTICEABLE. $++$ = PROMINENT

	CAUCASIAN	AFRICAN-AMERICAN	ASIAN/NATIVE AM.
Skull Shape:			
_____ High, Narrow	_____ Low w/Postbregmatic Depression	_____ Low, Sloping	
Skull Height:			
_____ Rounded, Narrow	_____ Low and Flat	_____ Rounded, High	
Face Shape:			
_____ Narrow, Long	_____ Prognathic	_____ Broad, Flat	
Eye Orbits:			
_____ Slanting Square, Large	_____ Laterally Low and Small	_____ Square	
Zygomatcs:			
_____ Small, Retreating Malars	_____ Small, Retreating Malars	_____ Robust and Flaring	
Zygomaxillary Suture:			
_____ Jagged, S-Shaped	_____ Curved or S-Shaped	_____ Angled	
Nasal Sill:			
_____ Sharp, Protruding	_____ Guttered	_____ Sharp	
Nasal Aperture:			
_____ Narrow	_____ Wide	_____ Medium	
Nasal Spine:			
_____ Large, Long	_____ Little or None	_____ Medium, Tilted	
Nasal Bones:			
_____ High, Arched	_____ Low, Flat Wide Arch	_____ Low "Tented" Arch	
Alveolar Prognathism:			
_____ Narrow, Little	_____ Pronounced	_____ Reduced	
Palatal Shape:			
_____ Parabolic, Narrow	_____ Hypertbolic	_____ Elliptic	
Palatal Suture:			
_____ Z-Shaped	_____ Arched	_____ Straight	
Chin:			
_____ Square, Projecting	_____ Retreating	_____ Blunt	
Incisors:			
_____ Blade	_____ Wide Blade	_____ Shovel-Shaped	
Dentition:			
_____ Crowded, Impacted M3	_____ Crenulated Molars	_____ Not Crowded	
Bite:			
_____ Overbite	_____ Overbite, Prognathic	_____ Edge-to-Edge	
Femur Curvature:			
_____ Arched	_____ Flat	_____ Little	

Initials JCS
Date 11/17/08

Luis A. Sanchez, M.D.
Chief Medical Examiner



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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OF HARRIS COUNTY
JOSEPH A. JACHIMCZYK FORENSIC CENTER
1885 OLD SPANISH TRAIL
HOUSTON, TX 77054-2098

☒ Painful
☐ RELEASE FROM PENDING

CASE NUMBER: 1M83-6849

☐ AMENDMENT(S)

DECEDENT: Unknown male

☐ INQUEST ONLY

DOD: _____

EDR #: _____

Part 1 Cause of Death: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

Part 2 Other Conditions: _____

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials _____

date _____

IF FEMALE:

☐

Not pregnant within past year

☐

Pregnant at time of death

☐

Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death

☐

Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death

☐

Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Describe How Injury Occurred: _____

[Signature]
Medical Examiner

12/05/08
Date

Sex Assessment of Skeletal Remains

(Buikstra and Ubelaker 1994, Ubelaker 1989, Bass 1987)

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	-2	FEMALE		MALE		+2
		-1	0	+1		
CRANIAL						
Supra-Orbital Margin						
Supra-Orbital Ridge						
Mastoid Process						
Zygomatic Arch Extension						
Nuchal Crest						
Mental Eminence						
Mandibular Ramus						
Temporalis Attachment						
POSTCRANIAL						
Sciatic Notch						
(Phenice 1969) Ventral Arc						
		<input type="checkbox"/> Presence		<input type="checkbox"/> Absence		
Subpubic Concavity						
		<input type="checkbox"/> Concave		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convex		
Ischiopubic Concavity						
		<input type="checkbox"/> Presence		<input type="checkbox"/> Absence		
Pubic Length						
		<input type="checkbox"/> Long		<input type="checkbox"/> Short		
Sacral Attachment						
		<input type="checkbox"/> Elevated		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat		
Sacrum						
		<input type="checkbox"/> Straight		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curved		
(Stewart 1979) Femoral Head Diameter						
		<42.5 mm	43-46mm	>47.5mm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 48	
Humeral Head Diameter						
		<43mm	44-46mm	>47mm		

Stature Estimation of Skeletal Remains
Measured in cm from Whites and Blacks ages 18-30 (Trotter 1970)
** Include medial malleolus on tibial measurements

Case #

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ESTIMATION OF STATURE: 65-71

WHITE MALES

AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES

3.08 Hum + 70.45	+/- 4.05	3.26 Hum + 62.10	+/- 4.43
3.78 Rad + 79.01	+/- 4.32	3.42 Rad + 81.56	+/- 4.30
3.70 Ulna + 74.05	+/- 4.32	3.26 Ulna + 79.29	+/- 4.43
2.38 Fem + 61.41	+/- 3.27	2.11 Fem + 70.35	+/- 3.94
**2.52 Tib + 78.62	+/- 3.37	**2.19 Tib + 86.02	+/- 3.78
2.68 Fib + 71.78	+/- 3.29	2.19 Fib + 85.65	+/- 4.08
1.30 (Fem + Tib) + 63.29	+/- 2.99	1.15 (Fem + Tib) + 71.04	+/- 3.53

WHITE FEMALES

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2.47 Fem + 54.10	+/- 3.72	2.28 Fem + 59.76	+/- 3.41
**2.90 Tib + 61.53	+/- 3.66	**2.45 Tib + 72.65	+/- 3.70
2.93 Fib + 59.61	+/- 3.57	2.49 Fib + 70.90	+/- 3.80
1.39 (Fem + Tib) + 53.20	+/- 3.55	1.26 (Fem + Tib) + 59.72	+/- 3.28

ASIAN/NATIVE AMERICAN MALES

MEXICAN MALES

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*Revisions
to incorporate to estimate 94*

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Case # UL 83-6849

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	-2	-1	0	+1
CRANIAL				
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Supra-Orbital Ridge				

Mastoid Process				
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Zygomatic Arch Extension				
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Nuchal Crest				
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Mental Eminence				
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Mandibular Ramus				
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Temporalis Attachment				
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POSTCRANIAL				
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Sciatic Notch				
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(Phenice 1969) Ventral Arc				
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Subpubic Concavity				
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Ischiopubic Concavity				
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Pubic Length				
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Sacral Attachment				
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Sacrum				
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(Stewart 1979) Femoral Head Diameter				
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Humeral Head Diameter				
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Date 11/1/85

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sketch elements are robust

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CRANIAL MEASUREMENTS (Pages 52-60)

	Left	Right
1. MAXIMUM LENGTH (g-op):	_____	_____
2. MAXIMUM BREADTH (eu-eu):	_____	_____
3. BIZYGOMATIC BREADTH (zy-zy):	_____	_____
4. BASION-BREGMA (ba-bi):	_____	_____
5. CRANIAL BASE LENGTH (ba-n):	_____	_____
6. BASION-PROSTHION L. (ba-pr):	_____	_____
7. MAX.-ALVEOLAR BR. (ecm-ecmi):	_____	_____
8. MAX.-ALVEOLAR L. (pr-alv):	_____	_____
9. BIAURICULAR BREADTH (ALB):	_____	_____
10. UPPER FACIAL HGT. (n-pr):	_____	_____
11. MIN. FRONTAL BR. (ft-ft):	_____	_____
12. UPPER FACIAL BR. (fmt-fmt):	_____	_____
13. NASAL HEIGHT (n-n):	_____	_____
14. NASAL BREADTH (al-al):	_____	_____
15. ORBITAL BREADTH (d-ec):	_____	_____
16. ORBITAL HEIGHT (OBH):	_____	_____
17. BIORBITAL BR. (ec-ec):	_____	_____
18. INTERORBITAL BR. (d-d):	_____	_____
19. FRONTAL CHORD (n-b):	_____	_____
20. PARIETAL CHORD (b-1):	_____	_____
21. OCCIPITAL CHORD (l-o):	_____	_____
22. FORAMEN MAGNUM L. (ba-o):	_____	_____
23. FORAMEN MAGNUM BR (FOB):	_____	_____
24. MASTOID LENGTH (MDH):	_____	_____

MANDIBULAR MEASUREMENTS (Pages 61-63)

	Left	Right		Left	Right
25. CHIN HEIGHT (gn-id):	_____	_____	30. MIN. RAMUS BREADTH:	_____	_____
26. BODY HEIGHT at MENTAL FOR:	_____	_____	31. MAX. RAMUS BREADTH:	_____	_____
27. BODY THICKNESS at M. FOR:	_____	_____	32. MAX. RAMUS HEIGHT:	_____	_____
28. BIGONIAL DIAMETER (go-go):	_____	_____	33. MAND. LENGTH:	_____	_____
29. BICONDYLAR BR. (cdl-cdl):	_____	_____	34. MAND. ANGLE:	_____	_____

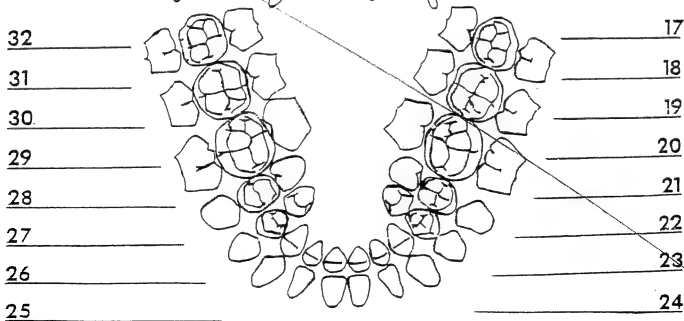
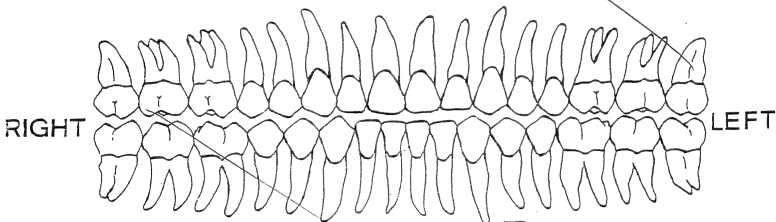
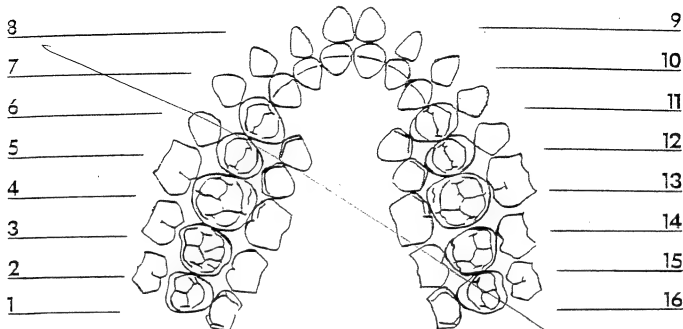
* Record only if mandibulometer is used.

POSTCRANIAL MEASUREMENTS (Pages 64-76)

	Left	Right		Left	Right
CLAVICLE: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	INNOMINATE: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____
35. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____	56. HEIGHT:	_____	_____
36. SAGITTAL DIAM. at MIDSH:	_____	_____	57. ILIAC BREADTH:	_____	_____
37. VERTICAL DIAM. at MIDSH:	_____	_____	58. PUBIS LENGTH:	_____	_____
SCAPULA: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	59. ISCHIU M LENGTH:	_____	_____
38. HEIGHT:	_____	_____	FEMUR: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____
39. BREADTH:	_____	_____	60. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____
HUMERUS: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	61. BICONDYLAR LENGTH:	_____	_____
40. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____	62. EPICONDYLAR BREADTH:	_____	_____
41. EPICONDYLAR BREADTH:	_____	_____	63. MAX. DIAM. of HEAD:	_____	_____
42. MAX. VERT. DIAM. of HEAD:	_____	_____	64. A-P SUBTROCH. DIAMETER:	_____	_____
43. MAX. DIAM. at MIDSHAFT:	_____	_____	65. TRANSV. SUBTROCH. DIAM:	_____	_____
44. MIN. DIAM. at MIDSHAFT:	_____	_____	66. A-P DIAM. MIDSH:	_____	_____
RADIUS: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	67. TRANSV. DIAM. MIDSH:	_____	_____
45. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____	68. CIRCUMFERENCE AT MIDSH:	_____	_____
46. SAGITTAL DIAM. at MIDSH:	_____	_____	TIBIA: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____
47. TRANSV. DIAM. at MIDSH:	_____	_____	69. CONDYLO-MALLEOLAR LEN:	_____	_____
ULNA: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____	70. MAX. PROX. EPIPH. BR:	_____	_____
48. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____	71. MAX. DIST. EPIPH. BR:	_____	_____
49. DORSO-VOLAR DIAMETER:	_____	_____	72. MAX. DIAM. NUTRIET FOR:	_____	_____
50. TRANSVERSE DIAMETER:	_____	_____	73. TRANSV. DIAM. NUTR. FOR:	_____	_____
51. PHYSIOLOGICAL LENGTH:	_____	_____	74. CIRCUM. AT NUTR. FOR:	_____	_____
52. MIN. CIRCUMFERENCE:	_____	_____	FIBULA: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____
SACRUM: No. Segments:	<u>1</u>		75. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____
53. ANTERIOR HEIGHT:	<u>105</u>		76. MAX. DIAM. at MIDSHAFT:	_____	_____
54. ANTERIOR SURFACE BREADTH:	_____		CALCANEUS: Epiph. P/A:	_____	_____
55. MAX. BREADTH (S-1)	_____		77. MAXIMUM LENGTH:	_____	_____
			78. MIDDLE BREADTH:	_____	_____

Initials QWDate 11/17/18

No dentition recovered



Ribs
 7 L. Frag
 1 L. Frag
 10 Frag unsorted

Anterior View of the Skeleton

Case # 83-6849

✓ indicate
 element listed
 in investigators
 repr.

No thyroid

Highly frag.

① Rib frag = 7
 ② Rib frag = 1
 No side rib frag = 10

PM damage

Open epiphys

PM damage
 trabeculae
 Bone exposed

Clavt
 open &
 present

PM damage

Acromioclav

Acromioclav
 cut

Epiphys open

Acromioclav only

epiphys open

PM damage

Tibial bone
 exposed

1st
 Missing 2nd
 & 3rd

PM damage
 of trabeculae
 Bone exposed

PM damage

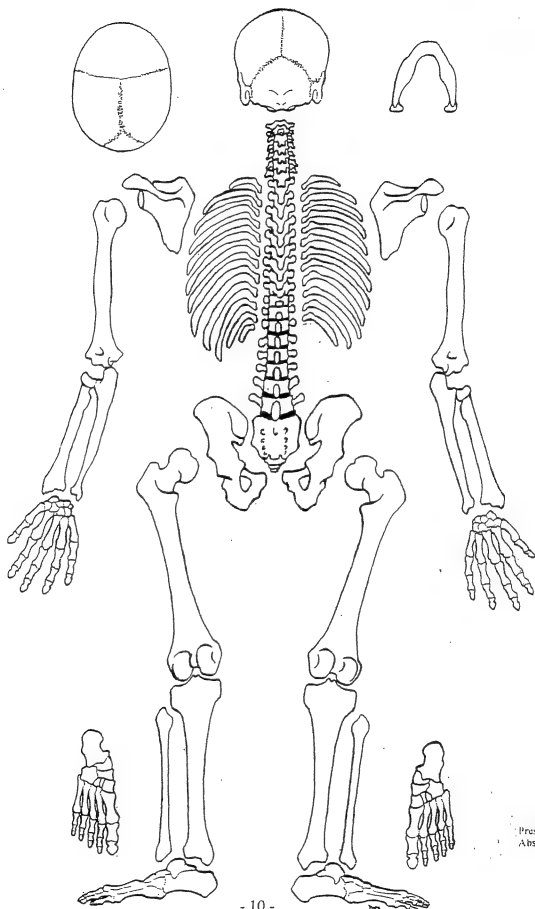
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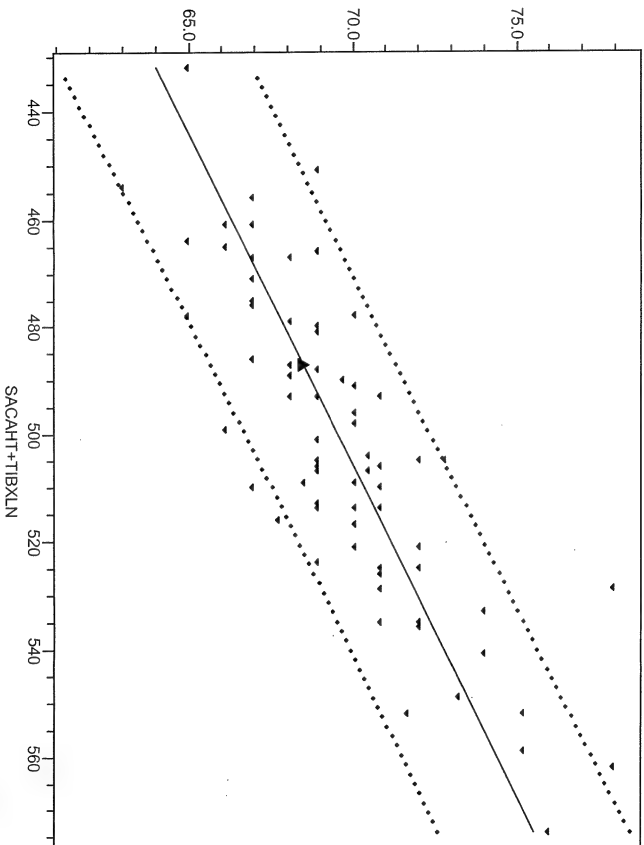
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Predicted Stature (inches) for ML83-6849 with 90% prediction interval using 20th C FStats (group = WM)

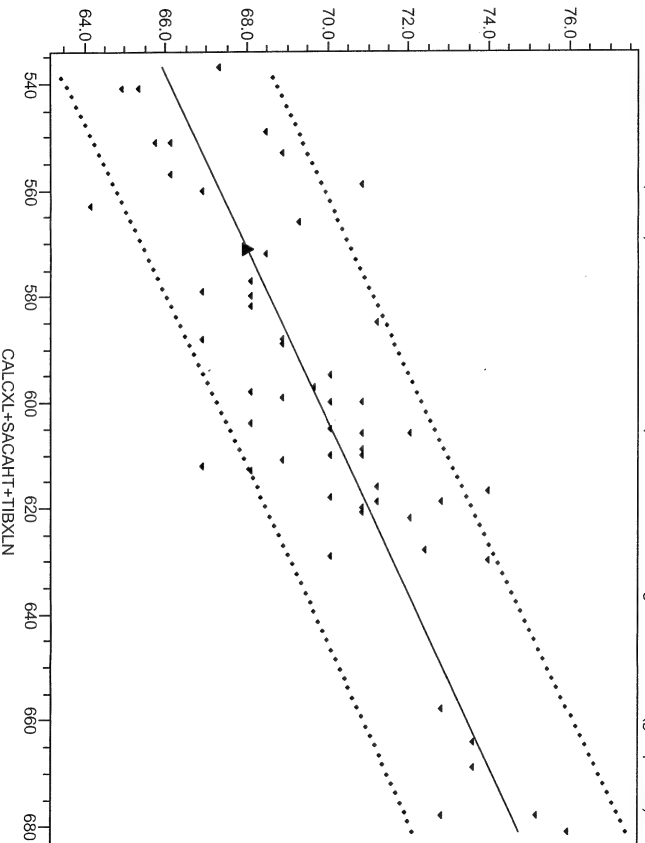


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AMENDED
AUTOPSY REPORT
(see attached Report of Anthropology Consultation)

Case No. ML83-6849

November 17, 2008

ON THE BODY OF

Joseph Allen Lyles
8650 Pitner
Houston, Texas

CAUSE OF DEATH: Homicidal violence

MANNER OF DEATH: Homicide

DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

Reviewed by:


Dwayne A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D.
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

11/17/09
MMDDYY



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HOUSTON, TX 77054-2098

☐ RELEASE FROM PENDING

CASE NUMBER:

MC 83-6849

☒ AMENDMENT(S)

DECEDENT:

Joseph Allen Gyles

☐ INQUEST ONLY

DOD:

Unknown

EDR #:

Part 1 Cause of Death:

Homicide - violence

Part 2 Other Conditions:

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials

date

IF FEMALE:

☐

Not pregnant within past year

☐

Pregnant at time of death

☐

Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death

☐

Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death

☐

Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death:

Homicide

Describe How Injury Occurred:

Medical Examiner

Dale

11/13/09

Date



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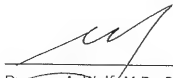
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ML83-6849

AMENDED
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Sacrum
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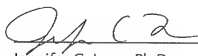
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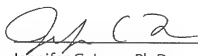
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Missing Persons DNA Database Report 2

November 2, 2009

Accession Number 1: 07-5938

Accession Number 2: 09-0209

Submitting Agency:

Dr. Jennifer Love
Harris County Medical Examiner
1885 Old Spanish Trail
Houston, TX 77054-2001

Agency Case Numbers: ML73-3349, ML73-3356, ML73-3378, ML83-6849

NCIC Numbers: U700019506, U280004297, U810003703, U220022155

ITEMS RECEIVED

Received via Fed Ex (#860472844877) on November 7, 2007:

07-5938.1 Family Reference Sample, **Helen C. Michalk**, representing a sibling of a missing person, **Joseph Allen Lyles**

07-5938.2 Family Reference Sample, **Donna G. Robbins**, representing a sibling of a missing person, **Joseph Allen Lyles**

Received via Fed Ex (#865896384465) on February 27, 2009:

09-0209.1 Unidentified Remains Sample, piece of bone

TESTING PERFORMED

Human DNA extracted from item **09-0209.1** was analyzed for fourteen (14) genetic loci using the Applied Biosystems AmpFtSTR Profiler Plus ID, COfiler, and MiniFiler systems; human DNA extracted from items **07-5938.1** and **07-5938.2** was analyzed for fifteen (15) genetic loci using the Applied Biosystems AmpFtSTR Identifier system. Items **07-5938.1** and **09-0209.1** were also analyzed for human mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) regions HV1 and HV2. Amplified mtDNA fragments were sequenced in the

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forward and reverse direction and compared to the revised Cambridge Reference Sequence (Andrews et al. *Nature Genetics* 1999).

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RESULTS

The nuclear genetic data are approximately 5,700 times more likely to be observed under the scenario that the unidentified remains originated from a biological sibling of Helen C. Michalk and Donna G. Robbins as compared to the unidentified remains originating from an unrelated individual from the Caucasian population.¹

The submission of additional first-order relatives could significantly increase the above statistical calculation. If additional statistical weight is needed, please contact the laboratory to determine which first-order relatives would provide the most informative comparisons.

The mitochondrial DNA data obtained for samples 07-5938.1 and 09-0209.1 are consistent with the unidentified human remains belonging to a maternal relative of Helen C. Michalk.

Utilizing the mtDNA population database currently available from the FBI Laboratory, the mtDNA sequence obtained from item 09-0209.1 (16005-16386, 57-377) has been observed as follows: 0 in 1305 individuals of African descent, 1 in 1833 individuals of Caucasian descent, 0 in 759 individuals of Hispanic descent, 0 in 326 individuals of Native American descent and 0 in 848 individuals of Asian descent. The mtDNA haplotype obtained for item 09-0209.1 may occur in as much as 0.16% of the Caucasian population.²

Investigators are strongly encouraged to evaluate all associated case information in addition to the provided genetic results before declaring identity of the remains.

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A portion of the submitted remains and the remainder of the reference items will be maintained by the UNT Center for Human Identification laboratory.

In the event that you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact the laboratory at 817-735-2143.

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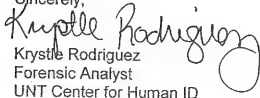
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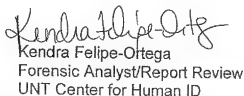
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¹ Allele frequency data obtained from Budowle et.al, J Forensic Sci 1999; 44(6):1277-1286 and Budowle et.al, Forensic Sci Comm 2001; (3).

² mtDNA frequency data obtained from Forensic Science Communications, April 2002, Volume 4, Number 2.

Sincerely,


Krystle Rodriguez
Forensic Analyst
UNT Center for Human ID


Kendra Felipe-Ortega
Forensic Analyst/Report Review
UNT Center for Human ID

End of Report

Sommerfeld, Katrina (MEO)

From: Derrick, Sharon (MEO)
Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 1:33 PM
To: Sommerfeld, Katrina (MEO)
Cc: Love, Jennifer (MEO)
Subject: Letter to Judge Chesson for ML83-6849 amended DC
Attachments: Chesson Letter.doc

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Thank you,
Sharon

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COMPANY:	Jefferson County Sheriff's Office	DATE:	11/19/2009
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Childers, Velisia (MEO)

From: Derrick, Sharon (MEO)
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Childers, Velisia (MEO)
Subject: RE: Letter to Judge Chesson for ML83-6849 amended DC

Sure. (409) 835-8411 is the phone; (409) 839-2343 is supposed to be the fax. Also, Judge Chesson's Office is transferring the case to Pct. 8, Judge Tom Gillam. If you haven't sent the info to the JP, it should go to Gillam's office. If you already have, Chesson's office will forward it on.

Thanks,
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To: Derrick, Sharon (MEO)
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Sharon,

Do you have a phone number for Lt. McMilan? I keep getting a busy signal when I attempt to fax.

Thank You,
Velisia Childers
Administrative Supervisor
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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 12:42 PM
To: Sommerfeld, Katrina (MEO); Childers, Velisia (MEO)
Subject: ML83-6849

Katrina or Velisia,

Would you please fax a copy of the amended report for ML83-6849 to Ms. Charlotte Law, Court Administrator for Justice of the Peace Ray Chesson, Pct. 4, Jefferson County. The fax number is 409-794-1637, and the phone number is 409-794-1712. A hard copy of the report will still need to be mailed.

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Dear Judge Chesson,

Please find enclosed the **amended** autopsy report for case ML83-6849. The original autopsy report was sent to your office by postal mail on August 27, 2009. In the interim, ML83-6849 has been identified and the Cause and Manner of Death have been amended in the autopsy report. We respectfully request that you review the amended autopsy report and certify an amended death certificate.

The remains of ML83-6849 were recovered from the High Island beach in Jefferson County on August 4, 1983 and were forwarded to the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office (HCME) by Justice of the Peace A.E. Halter, Precinct Three of Jefferson County. Initially regarded as non-forensic, these remains were archived at the HCME until November 2008 when they received an anthropological examination by Dr. Jennifer C. Love, Forensic Anthropology Director. Dr. Love submitted a bone sample to the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification for DNA analysis. A DNA profile was obtained and entered into the CODIS system. There was a recent "hit" on DNA profiles obtained from the buccal swabs from two sisters that were collected at the HCME in November 2007. A copy of the report from UNT is attached. ML83-6849 has been identified as Joseph Allen Lyles, DOB 8/18/1955, a White male who disappeared at 17 years of age in February 1973.

As detailed in the attached autopsy report comment by Dr. Dwayne A. Wolf, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, the remains of Mr. Lyles were recovered in close proximity to six victims of the Dean Corll, Elmer Wayne Henley, and David Brooks serial murder spree that took place in the early 1970s. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office investigation report from the 1983 recovery of Mr. Lyles notes that the burial circumstances are consistent with those of the previously recovered homicide victims. In light of the new information, Dr. Wolf has amended the autopsy report to reflect "Homicidal Violence" as the Cause of Death and "Homicide" as the Manner of Death.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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